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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6345

BILL NUMBER: SB 112

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 25, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Hunting near Residences.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Antich

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill makes it a Class B misdemeanor to hunt in a manner that results in a bullet, an arrow, or another projectile passing withing 200 yards of an inhabited residence. It also makes knowingly or intentionally hunting on property without the owner's or tenant's permission a Class B misdemeanor (instead of a Class C misdemeanor).

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: Under current law, a person may not fish, hunt, trap, or chase on private land without the permission of the landowner or tenant. Violation of this section is currently a Class C misdemeanor, but would be a Class B misdemeanor under the bill.

Also, the bill would add a provision to the crime for knowingly or intentionally taking game or a fur-bearing animal in a manner that results in a bullet, arrow, or other projectile passing within 200 yards of an inhabited residence without having the consent of the landowner or tenant.

Revenue to the Common School Fund may increase if a person is sentenced for a Class B misdemeanor rather than for a Class C misdemeanor or if additional offenders are convicted based on the additional provision of the section. The maximum fine for a Class C misdemeanor is \$500, while the maximum fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$1,000. Court fees for both misdemeanors are \$120.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Costs to local governments could increase because the maximum term

of imprisonment for a Class C misdemeanor is up to 60 days, while the maximum term for a Class B misdemeanor is up to 180 days. If additional offenders are convicted because of the added provision, more offenders could be imprisoned for up to 60 days. The average daily cost of housing a prisoner is approximately \$44.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Court fees are \$120 for both a Class B and Class C misdemeanor.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts; local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Indiana Sheriffs Association.

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